

Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Designated Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that Allegheny County has determined that the following proposed actions under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program are located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain, and Allegheny County will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed actions, as required by Executive Order 11988, as amended, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The proposed project location is 547 Hunter Avenue in Turtle Creek, Allegheny County, PA. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using a freeboard value approach. The St. Colman Rehabilitation project involves the rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of the former St. Colman Catholic School building to create eighteen (18) 2-bedroom, and eight (8) 1-bedroom single-parent family apartments. Both the original 3-story masonry structure and the 2-story masonry addition are intended to be completely renovated as part of this project. This action involves less than one acre located in an FFRMS floodplain.

There are three primary purposes for this notice: First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts on the floodplain. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by Allegheny County at the following address on or before October 11, 2024: Allegheny County Economic Development, Koppers Building, 436 Seventh Avenue, Suite 500 Pittsburgh, PA 15219, Attention: Jim Johnston, Operations Manager or by email at jim.johnston@alleghenycounty.us. A full description of the project may also be reviewed Monday through Friday between 9am and 4pm at the same address stated above.

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